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TRANSMISSION PROJECTS FOR RURAL ELECTRIFICATION
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the existing practice of executing transmission projects for rural electrification in each State;

(b) whether these practices differ from State to State;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the existing practice is hampering the progress of rural electrification in some States, particularly in Orissa; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by the Government to issue guidelines to such States fordirectly financing the execution of transmission project by Power Finance Corporation for rural electrification?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) to (e) : Rural Electrification is the responsibility of the State ElectricityBoards/State Governments which own and operate the distribution system in the State. Rural Electrification Schemes are formulated and executed by the SEBs according to thepriorities fixed by the respective State Governments. The execution of transmission projects for rural electrification depends on the geographical spread of the area, network topology, load density etc.

The Committee of Experts and Central Electricity Authority have madeguidelines for improvement on Sub-Transmission & Distribution system for formulation of project reports etc. These guidelines are uniform for the entire country. These guidelines have been circulated to various power utilities of the country including that of State of Orissa under the Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme.

REC provides loan assistance to States/SEBs/Power Utilities for intensiveelectrification of villages, setting up of sub-stations upto 400 KV and transmission lines, besides the State power Utilities can access loan assistance from PFC for transmission projects.